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REMARKS

A petition under 1.137(b) was made in this application on August 4, 2006 (copy attached). However, upon reviewing the status of the application, Applicants noticed that the original petition was only signed within the Certificate of Mailing and was not signed following paragraph 4 of the petition. To avoid delays in this application, Applicants hereby submit a renewed petition which is signed as required. This renewed petition thereby supplements the August 4, 2006 petition and corrects the deficiency observed therein. It is respectfully requested that this renewed petition be considered.

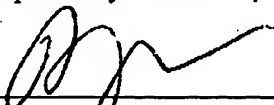
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of this reply. Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued as soon as possible. The Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that this would expedite prosecution of this application.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested and a favorable determination is earnestly solicited.

Date: October 23, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



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